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NOTES.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF EAST ANGLIA.

Mr. John Greaves Nall has just published a well-looking, bulky tome, of upwards of 700 fcp. 8vo pages, entitled, "*Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft; a Handbook for Visitors and Residents, with Chapters on the Archaeology, Natural History, &c., of the district; a history with Statistics of the East Coast Herring Fishery; and an Etymological and Comparative Glossary of the Dialect of East Anglia.*" (Longmans & Co.) The Guide Book proper contains a vast amount of information that everybody would like to know; but it is in the chapters on the herring fishery, and on the dialect of East Anglia, that the attractiveness and value of the book consists; and the more intelligent of the visitors to these two thriving places of resort, whether for recreation or for commerce, will be glad to have the history of the great staple of the coast so fully and yet so clearly presented to them; while the antiquary, the philologist, and the curious, will welcome the author's new glossary of the very striking dialect of this great Anglo-Saxon and Danish district. Many of our readers may think that what could be done to illustrate the common speech of this province, has been done by Moor and Forby; but a cursory glance over Mr. Nall's pages will shew that such is not the case. His glossary is by no means a transcript of Forby, nor does it supersede that vocabulary. The philologist will have to consult both authorities before pronouncing with confidence on the etymology of any word that it may be his lot to meet with in early East Anglian literature, or hear from the mouths of that noble race of men, who reflect so much lustre on the East Anglian seaboard. We should have been glad if the author had given us more of the terms and phrases peculiar to this class, for much remains to be done, by comparing the marine language of our several coasts, in elucidating the early vicissitudes to which our island has been exposed.

Sope House (vol. III, p. 6).—The Norfolk Arms public house at Forncet, is generally known as the Sope house. The Manor Courts have been held there time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. I have thought it a corruption of *Soko* house.—G. A. C.

ARMS OF LONDON, OF ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

Blomefield says * the family of London lived here, and that Robert London was father, by Anne, daughter of Henry Pay, of Earsham, of Robert London, Esq., Justice of the Peace, who, by Margaret, daughter of Nathaniel Knyvet, of Denver, was father of Robert London, who married Anne Philpot, of London, and died *s. p.* His second son Nathaniel, married Catherine, daughter of Richard Wythe, of Brockdish, and had Nathaniel, living in 1698. A Robert London was buried at Wheatacre with his wife, in 1627† The second Robert appears to have distinguished himself in the civil wars, and had a patent of arms, of which the following is a copy, taken from Add. MS. Brit. Mus., 14294, p. 7. A member of this family was buried at Thorpe next Haddiscoe, but I have not a copy of his monument by me at present.

GEORGE W. MARSHALL.

To all & singular unto whom these p'sents shall come, Sr Edward Walker, Knt. Garter principall King of Armes of Englishmen, sendeth Greeting. It hath been an auncient Custome in all well-governed Kingdomes & Commonwealths to distinguish the Conditions and Degrees of Men by Marks & Signs of Honour called Armes, such being outward Demonstrations of ye inward worth of ye Bearers atchieved either by their Valour in tyme of Warre, or by their virtuous endeavours in tyme of peace. In which respect whereas Robert London of Albye in ye County of Norfolk Esquire, one of his Maties Justices of the peace in ye sayd County, hath upon all Occasions, with ye hazard of his life, and expence of his Fortune, demonstrated his Loyalty to his late Maty King Charles ye First, of ever blessed & glorious memory, & particularly served in ye late Warrs against ye Rebells under ye Command of that worthy and Valiant Colonell Sir Edward Walgrave Knt. & Baronett, & hath synce to ye utmost of his power assisted in Order to ye Restauration of his Maty now happily Reigning, whereby he may justly deserve to have such Armes assigned unto him, as he may lawfully beare for his Honour, & may be derived to his posterity. Know yee, therefore, that I, ye sayd Sr Edward Walker Knt Garter Principall King of Armes, by ye power & Authority annexed unto my Office by ye Statutes of ye most Noble Order of ye Garter, and confirmed unto mee by Letters Patents under ye Great Seale of England, Doe by these p'sents, give, grant, and assigne unto him, ye sayd Robert London, & ye Heyres & Descendants of his Body for Ever ye Coate of Armes, & Creast hereafter mentioned, vizt., Argent, three Crosse Crossetts in Bend Cottized Gules, and for his Creast upon an Helmet proper, Mantled Gules, Doubled Argent, & Wreath of his Colours an Armed Arme holding a sword proper, ye Hilt & pommell Or, betweene two Dragons' Wings Argent, as hereafter is more lively depicted. The which Armes & Creast, he, ye sayd Robert London & ye Heyres & Descendants of his Body lawfully begotten for ever (bearing their due and proper differences) may & shall lawfully at all tymes and upon all occasions use beare & sett forth in shield, Coate-Armour, pennon, Seale, or otherwise (according to ye lawes and practice of Armes), without ye lett, or interruption, dis-

* Vol. viii, p. 4.

† Vol. viii, p. 67.

pute, or contradiction of any person whatsoever. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, & affixed ye Seale of my office, ye Tenth day of February, in ye 17th yeare of ye Reigne of our severaigne Lord Charles ye Second by ye Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defender of ye Faith, etc. An'oq D'ni stilo veteri 1664.

EPITAPHS.

I think the following, in Great Yarmouth churchyard, Norfolk, is quaint enough to deserve preservation in the *East Anglian*.

G. W. M.

Sacred to the memory of
John Ostler,
the loving husband of
Barbara Ostler,
Sailing Master, who unfortunately
lost his Life on board ye Hunter
Customhouse Cutter on Hasbro'
Beach, ye 18th Day of Febr'y. 1807.
Aged 30 years.

High o'er their heads the Rolling billows sweep,
And down they sink in Everlasting sleep;
His tender Wife and Children are left to mourn,
For him, alas! that never will return:
Not him alone, but with him thirtytwo,
Beyond relief, was doomed to periah too.

QUERIES.

CROSSES OF THE MIDDLE AGE.

"For oft the cross near some lone chapel stood,
Beside the font, or in the public way;
That whoso list, might there kneel down and pray
To Him once crucified."

Calvary—consecration—churchyard—wayside—weeping, or cross of penance—boundary and memorial crosses.—Can any of the *East Anglian* correspondents inform me if any of the above crosses are remaining, or portions of them, in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk?—W.

DR. BURGUYNE—THOMAS COTTON.

In the south transept of the church at Great Yeldham, on the left hand of the window, is a small mural tablet of marble, with the following inscription:—

Here lyeth the body of Mrs. Susanna Burgoyne, widow, one of ye daughters of Dr. Bastwick, and wife to Dr. Burgoyne. She departed this life the 20th of Januarie, 1683, being about 45 years of age. Her life was much desired of all that knew her, and her death greatly lamented.

The transept was and is a burial place of the Symonds family: and a John Symonds, who died in 1692, and was buried there, married as his second wife the daughter of Sir Roger Burgoyne, of Sutton, in Bedfordshire. I presume that Dr. Burgoyne was one of his family. I shall be thankful for any information about Dr. Burgoyne. The name of the wife of Dr. Bastwick was Susanna. She was the sister of Thomas Cotton, of West Bergholt, near this town. I should also be very glad to learn anything about Cotton. John Symonds was, like Bastwick and Cotton, a Presbyterian. His name appears in 1647, as one of the elders of Great Yeldham.—D., Colchester.

Roger Clopton, Rector of Downham, Ely.—A Norfolk genealogist would be obliged by any correspondent of the *East Anglian* informing him how Roger Clopton, Rector of Downham, in the Isle of Ely, who, in 1676, "gave £200, by which the greater part of the nave in Ely Cathedral was paved," was connected with the old Suffolk family of that name.

Roll of Swan Marks.—I have a book, forming a Roll of Swan Marks made on October 6th, in the 29th of Elizabeth. The names to which the marks are given are those of persons then residing in Cambridgeshire. Though this roll was made out in Elizabeth's reign, it must be a copy of an earlier one, for the first two marks are *Rex*; and another, that of the Abbot of Peterborough, dissolved in the reign of Henry VIII. The original of this roll was probably the roll of the Clerk of the Session of Swans for the Cambridgeshire Fens, and was made out in accordance with the provisions of the statute of Edward the IV (22 Edward IV, c. 6). There should be, *somewhere*, the ordinances which were once attached to this book. Can you help me to find out where they are? They are not in the British Museum.—C. R. COLVILLE, Lullington, Burton-on-Trent.

Norfolk Accent.—No one coming from another part of the country to Norfolk, can fail to notice the curious accent or emphasis used by the natives. As far as I can make out, a regular Norfolk man raises his voice towards the end of the sentence in a sing-song manner—reaching the climax of loudness or emphasis at, the last word of the sentence if it is a monosyllable, the penultimate syllable if a word of two, and at the ante-penultimate if of three syllables—in all cases lingering on such syllable, E. g.

Have you got any *beer*?

I was in the library all the *time*.

'Taint *likely*.

He drank three bottles of *claret*.

Nothing makes me ill so soon as *cucumber*.

He leant against the *parapet*.

I have, however, heard several exceptions to the above rule. Perhaps some one else will give me the benefit of their experience.—WALTER RYE.